

NEVADA AND THE EARTHQUAKE

Senator Stewart Expresses His Views on the Situation

The following is an extract from a letter written by Senator Stewart to the Gazette:

Some of the arguments in favor of the immediate reconstruction of San Francisco in the earthquake center are rather chilling to the hopes of Nevada. It is frequently repeated by the enthusiasts for the earthquake city that Nevada will furnish the money; that the Comstock built San Francisco and southern Nevada will rebuild it.

It is true that the products of the mines of Nevada have generally gone to San Francisco for investment. What return has Nevada received for the sacrifice? Have not the San Francisco papers proclaimed for the last twenty-five years that there was nothing in Nevada but the Comstock? Has not the sentiment thus created against Nevada retarded its progress for more than a generation? Has not Nevada been compelled to wait until she could satisfy Pennsylvania, Colorado, Utah, Montana, Idaho and other states of her great wealth before capital could be obtained to open the mines of southern Nevada. Did not the miners and capitalists of California refrain from investments in Nevada except in assessments deals on the Comstock for years after other states had contributed to the opening of Nevada mines?

Discrimination Against Nevada

The noble contributions of Nevada to the victims of the great disaster do not prove that Nevada is ambitious to contain a vassal of San Francisco. The demand of the merchants of San Francisco that the products of the east should be taken through Nevada on the railroad and landed in San Francisco at freights sufficiently low to enable the merchants of that city to send them back to remote regions of Nevada, compelling the people of Nevada to pay hundreds of miles of freights because the railroads, in compliance with the demands of the merchants of San Francisco will not allow the freight to be taken off at their doors.

If the merchants of San Francisco had permitted Reno to become a terminal point when the railroad was first built many millions would have been saved to the people of Nevada, and Reno would now have a population of more than 50,000.

Colorado's Example

Colorado had no San Francisco to absorb what she produced. Denver Pueblo and other great cities are the result. The idea that Nevada should be again robbed to build another earthquake city is not pleasant, and it ought not to be done.

While the people of Nevada have, and will contribute to aid the sufferers in San Francisco to the extent of their means, and will divide their last loaf of bread while the suffering continues it is to be hoped that the lesson of the earthquake will not be forgotten, but the people on this side of the mountains will find safer places for building cities and making homes than that particular locality to which the wealth of Nevada has gone, and in which it has been lost.

WM. M. STEWART.

Elko, Nevada, May 9, 1906.

A Tender Hearted Jury

As far as Douglas county is concerned the statute prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors to an Indian is void. John Thomas, recently tried by a jury of twelve citizens has been found not guilty of the offense as charged.

The fact that he was perceived in the act by two white men and their testimony of the Indian to whom he sold the liquor seems to have cut little figure. Further the fact that he was bound over to await the action of the Grand Jury by the committing magistrate and a few weeks later adjudged guilty by the body seems not to have been sufficient to warrant conviction. In other words no evidence could have been adduced strong enough to convince the twelve men who sat upon the case of John Thomas that he was guilty.—Gardnerville Record.

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A REVENUE CASE

Esmeralda County to Test Railroad Tax Question

Claiming that it is unconstitutional, the county of Esmeralda will try to render invalid the act of March 13 1903, which forbids county boards of equalization raising assessments placed by the state board of assessors upon railroad, telegraph, telephone, electric light, power lines, and similar corporate property. That act, which is alleged to have been passed through the influence of a powerful railroad and corporation lobby, is now being attacked in the courts by Esmeralda county and no matter which way the district court decides the case it will be carried to the supreme court for final decision.

The case at issue grows out of the refusal of the Tonopah railroad company and the Carson and Colorado railroad company to pay their taxes in Esmeralda county upon the valuation fixed by the board of equalization that sat there last year.

Suit is also to be entered in Esmeralda county against Assessor Bradley and his bondsmen for the recovery of \$8000 taxes due the county by the Goldfield railroad company which Bradley failed to list for taxation last year.

Shot Himself

The Masonic Pioneer, gives a deceased resident of Mono county the following send off on his departure from this world:

Joe Felesina, a pioneer resident of Mono Lake blew the top of his head off with a gun at his ranch there Sunday night. The cause of the act is to us unknown but it comes as a fitting climax to his life of sin wherein he wronged his brother by prostituting his wife. The sooner the memory of such a man is forgotten and his body mingles with the clay the better all will be for the progress of the world.

Notice Warrens

A meeting will be held on Tuesday evening May 15, 1906, at the Warren Engine house for the election of officers for the ensuing year. All members of the organization are requested to be present.

By Order of the President.

Building Reservoirs

The Tangberg Land and Livestock Co. have been busy all this week near the head of the Hogrefo slough piling in sage brush and other obstructing materials in an endeavor to prevent any serious damage resulting from an overflow of the river into the slough mentioned. They have the water under control at this writing. There will be no complaint this year of an insufficient supply of water.

Tom Summers, was down from Virginia last night.

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The Continental of New York Will Not Advance Rates

The following is an extract from a letter written Insurance Commissioner Davis by President of the Continental Fire Insurance Company of New York.

"Our city conflagration lines are carefully watched, and are prepared to pay any claims made upon us as the result of loss under hazards covered by our policies. We do not believe that it is wise or proper to penalize property-owners in New York or elsewhere now paying adequate rates because of an unusual loss due primarily to an earthquake in San Francisco, and we shall oppose to the extent of our ability the taking of such action in New York and other cities or sections of the country where the rates are now adequate.

"The companies as a whole have in the present situation, the opportunity of the century to put the fire insurance business on a stable and business-like basis, winning the good will and confidence of the public. If, on the other hand, rate advances are made that cannot be justified by the hazard incurred, adverse legislation is sure to result, and in a very short time the companies now banded together to 'jam' through these advance rate resolution throughout the country will be at each other's throats, and rate-cutting will be the order of the day. The Continental is in business to stay, and we do not intend to be stampeded by the Eastern Union's Committee of Fifteen."

You will understand from this that the Continental is utterly opposed to advancing rates on business that is now profitable. We believe in equalizing rates, making reduction where they are too high, and advances in connection with the non-paying classes.

HENRY EVANS, President.

Tonopah Co. Annual Report

The annual report of the Tonopah Mining Company during the past fiscal year says: During the year, 59,029 tons of ore were hoisted from the mine and 48,649 tons were shipped of which 47,966 tons were in transit when the report was written. The smelter returns from 45,692 tons were \$1,461,886, the yield per ton being about \$32. The gross receipts from all sources during the year were, \$2,181,275.65 and the disbursements, including \$1,000,000 paid in dividends, left \$424,868.59 cash on hand. The company expects to have its mill of 400 tons daily capacity completed about August 1. The returns from ore shipped to the Butters company are highly satisfactory and will be increased.

Capt. Davis, of Dayton, was among the visitors of yesterday. His mill in Dayton is kept running night and day on Tonopah ores.

NEVADA WOOL

High Prices Being Paid For This Season's Clipping

The spring wool is beginning to arrive for shipment at the depot, and already the platform is crowded with tons of the wool, most of which is being forwarded to Boston. In a number of instances the wool was bought last fall or contracted for. The wool buyers have been rustling all over the State and every small owner is in a position to draw down a fat check for his crop.

Nevada wool is regarded as the best in the market and as a rule a premium is paid for it. This spring the prices range from 18 to 22 cents per pound the owner is paid cash on delivery at the depot.

It is believed that wool will reach even a higher market price, as in the San Francisco storage rooms over one thousand tons was destroyed and the market is declared to be short in every section. The sheep men seem to be having an inning that is worth while. The price of sheep and lambs is correspondingly high, and with the great quantities of feed that is in sight for this season they will reap a rich harvest.

A Modern Building

The remodeled State Bank & Trust Co. building of this city is designed to be model and modern throughout. The plumbers are now setting the steam heating plant, which is the most complete in this city. The Bank and all the offices, will be supplied with steam heat and modern fixtures.

The cornice is also going into place and when this is painted the new building will be one of the most substantial and ornamental in Carson. A plate glass front is to be put in making the new building up-to-date from top to bottom.

The Eagle Dance

The dance given by the Eagles on Friday evening proved the success that was planned. The hall was crowded with home people and visitors both from Reno and Virginia City, the latter place sending a car filled with dance lovers who helped make the night one to be remembered.

The electrical decorations in the opera house were exceedingly attractive. The dance was a big success and it is hoped that the boys will arrange another without waiting for it to be an annual affair.

Deluge Near Ely

Emerging from a winter which, for twenty years, and not a time when merchants, builders and business men generally had reasonable hope for the expectation that Nature's embargo upon incoming freight was about to be raised, the northern end of White Pine county was visited Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday successively by cloudbursts, which cast upon the mountains enough water to irrigate the entire State for a month.

The deluge transformed the valley roads into quagmires and even the bench roads were made impassable save for the heavier freight teams. Pasture lands in the bottoms were flooded from several ranches in the Steptoe Valley between Ely and Currie's ranch. Some idea of the visitation may be gathered from the fact that six and eight-horse teams, which usually manage to cross the flat between Moorman's ranch and Pilot Knob in four hours, require from nine to fourteen hours to plough through the "gumbo" covering the desert.—Ely News.

Funeral of Mrs. Latta

The funeral of the late Mrs. Chauncey Latta, took place this afternoon from the Methodist church, that edifice being crowded with sorrowing friends. The bier was covered with floral offerings from friends and lodge members. The piece from the Rebekah lodge being particularly handsome. A large number of people followed the remains to their last resting place.

The River Booming

The recent spell of warm weather has caused the Carson river to literally leap out of its banks. Near Genoa where the land is swampy the river has spread out over a vast extent of territory and thus formed an immense lake. The guests at Walley Springs have taken advantage of this and every day a number of them may be seen cruising about in small row boats.

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